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In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 7210 Gary Karlin Michelson · Serial No.: 10/098,683 Group Art Unit: 3731 Filed: March 15, 2002 Examiner: Uyen T. Ho For: SPINAL IMPLANT CONTAINING BONE MORPHOGENETIC PROTEIN

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Sir:

## **TERMINAL DISCLAIMER**

Petitioner ("assignee") Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc., duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana, and having its principal place of business at 2500 Silveus Crossing, Warsaw, Indiana 46581 represents that it is the only assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to above-identified Application No. 10/098,683, filed March 15, 2002 for SPINAL IMPLANT CONTAINING BONE MORPHOGENETIC PROTEIN in the name of Gary Karlin Michelson as indicated by assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 018757 and Frame 0527; and is the only assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to Application No. 09/641,865, filed August 18, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,758,849) for INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION IMPLANTS in the name of Gary Karlin Michelson as indicated by assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 018323 and Frame 0173; and is the only assignee of Application No. 09/563,705, filed May 2, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,364,880) for SPINAL IMPLANT WITH BONE SCREWS in the

name of Gary Karlin Michelson as indicated by assignment duly recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 018757 and Frame 0527. Assignee Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc. further represents through its representative that to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title to the above-identified application and the United States Patent Nos. 6,758,849 and 6,364,880 are in assignee, which is submitting this Terminal Disclaimer.

To obviate a double patenting rejection, Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc. hereby disclaims, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, the terminal part of any patent granted on above-identified Application No. 10/098,683, which would extend beyond the expiration date of Patent Nos. 6,758,849 and 6,364,880; and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to United States Patent Nos. 6,758,849 and 6,364,880; this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on Application No. 10/098,683 that would extend to the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§ 154 to 156 and 173 of Patent Nos. 6,758,849 and 6,364,880; as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, in the event that Patent Nos. 6,758,849 and 6,364,880: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or in part, is terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321, has all claims canceled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer.

In accordance with the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), the required fee of \$130.00 is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this reply, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-3726. If a fee is required for an

extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of assignee Warsaw Orthopedic, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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